

## House Resolution No. 831

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizen; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Joe Parks, M.D., who will be honored on Saturday, March 1, 2008, during Crider Health Center's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Charles County Heroes for Health awards banquet which is being held this year at The Columns Banquet Center, where he will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**Whereas**, the mission of Crider Health Center is to build resilience and to promote health through community partnership; and

**Whereas**, Joe Parks, M.D. is the Chief Clinical Officer for the Department of Mental Health, as well as the Director for the Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services for the State of Missouri Department of Mental Health in Jefferson City, and he also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health and at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, Joe Parks, M.D. is the President of the Medical Director's Council of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, and he practices psychiatry on an outpatient basis at Family Health Center, a federally funded community health center in the Columbia, Missouri, area; and

**Whereas**, Joe Parks, M.D. has authored or co-authored a number of articles, monographs, technical papers, and reviews on the implementation of Evidence Based Medicine and Pharmacy Utilization Management and behavioral treatment programs; and

**Whereas**, Joe Parks, M.D. is the honored recipient of the 2006 American Psychiatric Association Bronze Achievement Award for a program controlling pharmacy costs by improving prescribing practices, and his recent study was cited on the cover of USA Today showing that people with mental illness have a life expectancy twenty-five years shorter than Americans overall and that most of the time these lives are shortened by preventable diseases; and

**Whereas**, Joe Parks, M.D. is universally known and respected in his field for his many and various contributions to his profession and to his community:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the efforts of Joe Parks, M.D.; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joe Parks, M.D.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Smith  
District No. 14

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 831, adopted February 27, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker